

- AA1 82. (New) The medical device of claim 73 wherein a flexibility of the probe allows the probe to be articulated.--

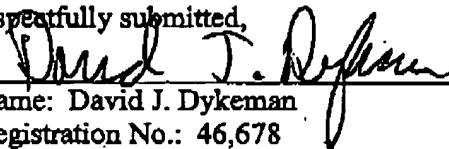
REMARKS

This preliminary amendment presents new claims 63-82. Applicants believe new claims 63-82 should be grouped with claims 16-28 and 49-62 that were grouped together in a discussion with the Examiner on October 18, 2002.

Applicants submit that all claims are allowable as written and respectfully request early favorable action by the Examiner. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney of record.

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